is located. No tickets would be sold for Decaturat the ticket office. Here was a dilemma. However, we bought tickets for the nearest point beyond Decatur where the train would stop and entered the cars as the train was pulling out from the depot. There was with me a gentleman from Brooklyn who had been sum-moned by telegraph to his brother, sick with typhoid fever, at Decatur. Thinking that the conductor might be more obliging than was the ticket agent, we tried to prevail upon him to agree to stop near the place we wished to reach, or even to slow up the train at their point, but he was doaf to all our entreaties. His orders were imperative and he dared not risk the loss of his position by deviating from them in the least. The fates seemed against us. As the train whirled around the base of Lookou mountain, at the very spot where Hooker's men crept up in the fog and charged the entrementation. How the mountain and flooded the valley with light. But it throw no light on our affairs as we sat and stared ont of the car windows.

At length we came to a resolve to stop the cars ourselves or make the attempt at some; point near, Decatur. Owing to the yellow lever scare travel was nearly suspended on this road and there were not more than half a dozen passengers in the train, and the brakeman at the train, and the brakeman at the front end of the smoker, so we determined. with typhoid fever, at Decatur. Think-

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might check the train enough to get off before our ruse was discovered.

Comforted with this hope we went to sleep and did not awaken until the train was runnbling across the bridge over the Tennessee at Decatur. To make sure that we should get the signals properly I had entered into a friendly conversa ion with the elderly colored man who acted as bridgen as we left Chattanooga.

Unclef what is that rope for there?"

"Why boss, yer pull dat wen yer wanter stop dekyar."

"P-skible."

"P stible?"

At ned with this knowledge we stationed outselves near the door with our grips in our bands as the train entered the town at the rate of 12 or 15 miles an hour, the whistle screaming steadily, and the engine beil clanving as if frightened. Just then the brakeman appeared and looked the front door of the car and started for the one we were at. This would frustrate our plans and there was not a nomen to ose. I sprang to the platform, three off my value and swinging off the lower step to the ground, landing in safety, but it was sometime before I came to to but it was sometime before loame to the full stop. My companion who fol-lowed my example fell as he struck the earth but was not seriously hurt.

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bustling town had come to resemble "the

de-erted village."
A history of the beginning of the out-

A history of the beginning of the outbrook and the panic that followed was
gived me and it was not without interest.
The local papers had been full, day after,
day, with reports of the raging of the
epidemic at Jacksonville, and the
city authorities here had declared stringent quarantine against that place.
One morning the word went about that
a Jacksonville refugee was hiding in the
city. On investigation this was found to
be the case and the party when found was
immediately expelled from the city. This
refugee came in perfect health, he had
never had the fever; he left in good health
and has remained so ever since; and yet
conewhere about himself or more likely
in his baggane, were a few of these mys-

comewhere about bineelf or more likely in his baggare, were a few of these mysterious germs, these profilic microbes. Inat in a few days caused a loss of milions of dollars to this section, and many valuable lives.

The incident of the refugee's visit was soon forgetten. A fortnight passed away and now the gentleman with whom the refugee had lodged, a friend of the Jacksonville man, was taken sick. His physician never thought of yellow fever as its patient's symptoms were not unlike sidan neverthought of yellow fever as its patient's symptoms were not unlike mose of the first stages of a remittent. The patient grew worse; still no suspicions. One evening just before dark, when the streat were full of people (the house being on the main street) the sick man went lato convulsions. The distracted wire, alone with her husband, rushed to the door and uttered scream after scream at the top of her volce. The passers by rushed into the house, the commotion and cries attracted those further off, and soon 100 people were congregated in and around the house. Just then the "black vomit" commenced pouring out of the patients mouth and a physician who had come in said "that's yellow lever,"

been to leave.

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What I know About Yellow Fever—How "Yellow Jack" was Brought to Becartar, Als.—Sights and Seemes in the Incident Office of the Free Press:

When one is in New York and the dzily papers announce that yellow for the body of the victim. Answere one is family is residing the first sensation is peculiar and disagreeable. That was the effect on me at least, and in a few hours I was on my way to the affected town, Decatur, Ala.

At Chattanooga, which I reached in the early evening, we found that all the towns were quarra ined against Decatur and that no trains, either passenger or freight, were allowed to stop at that station or near it. In fact trains were forbidden to stop in Morgan county, in which Dacatur to stop in Morgan county, in which Dacatur to stop in Morgan county, in which Dacatur is located. No tickets would be sold for the stage of the week of the stage of the stage of the car.

An the more timid began to leave, Still, as at the beginning of every cpidemic, there was a strong party who definite, there was a strong party who definited and little forsaken looking at little forsaken looking at little forsaken looking, all little forsaken looking at little forsak

All night long and the next day and the following night mule teams and ox teams and every form of go-cart loaded with trunks and boxes and with women and children sitting on furniture and roosting on barrels, went by the house. It was not a holiday excursion either, for many of the women were in tears at being thus compelled to leave their homes unguarded. It was estimated that 5000 people left within 48 hours.

Meantime word had gone out that "yellow tears" was at Decator, and the whole re-

four-fitths of the hours were closed and descried when I resched there.

Many amusing as well as striking incledents might be related of the effects of quarantize, and the Jear of yellow lever. A lady told me lately her experience at Cairo, Ill. She had left Decatur for her home to Cairo at the first alarmand reached there before quarantine was put in force. The next day she started out to see some friends without thought that she might be an object of fear. From some, to her unaccountable, reason, all her friends were out and the servants answered her through a nearly closed door. Not only that but if she chanced to see a friend on the street, that party seemed to have urgent business around the corner or at the other end of the block. She was highly indignant at this treatment until she learned the cause.

Two young ladies were compelled to

Two young ladies were compelled to leave the train five miles from Memphis at night in a pouring rain at a place where there was a store and one flouse. No one would let them into their houses and they would have remained in the rain unsuel-tered all night had it not been for the kindness of a colored man. Neither had come from an infected point.

come from an infected point.

Owing to the difficulty in getting supplies in a quarantimed town, and for prodential reasons, I decided to remove my family farther north and then return to fight the disease. Word was sent around to us that at midnight special cars would be at the disposal of people who yet wished to leave the circ but that none would be allowed to leave the cars until the leaving us standing there in the moon light like benighted ghosts.

On questioning the men present I found that affaits were gloomy enough. The system was present, most of the people had became panic stricken and left town, all like hees was suspended and those people who could not get away were keeping closely at home.

The next day a walk about town disclosel a strange state of affairs. There were 10 solands from the workshors, no tave in the streets; groups of negroes were user and there at the corners standing idle, while oscasionally a white man horized along. Everything danoted that a calamity and failen upon the town. It had come as suddenly and mysteriously as a thirf in the night, and in 4s hours a bustling town had come to resemble "the ur. The "baggage smashers" who we dashed through the town at the rate of 15 miles an nour. The passengers peered out of the windows at their homes, looking deserted and sad in the morning light, until the town was out of sight, when most dropped askeep, their needs topping about on Jennedes, and backs of ea's most uncomfortably.

Two passengers broke the quarantine of I wo passengers broke the quaranthe of the first town at which we stopped, by jumping from the train just before it reached the station. We saw them in the bright moonlight skurrying down the street to escape the guards. After that the car doors were locked as we approached each town.

ed each town.

At Nashville, which we reached at breakfast time, a plastet of sandwiches were brought into the cars for those who were going due north without change, but as our party were bound for St. Louis we were escorted under guard to the dining room and then back to the proper train. Here we were no longer under surveil lauce and felt less like emigrants or prisoners of war. We judged it best to main tain a discreet science, however, in regard to the incidents of our previous journey after we had overheard the following conversation from the people in the seat he versation from the people in the seat he

"Say, Maria! did ye see that crowd of refugee-in the cars that came in from the South!"

"Yes I did."
"Well, wayn't they a rough looking Maria agreed that they were. So we sometimes "see ourselves as others are

This ended our troubles as refugees We reached St. Louis without further in-venture and in a short time I was on my way back to the infected district.

passers by rushed into the house, the commonous and cries attracted those further off, and soon 160 people were congregated in and around the house. Just then the "black vomit" commenced pouring out of the patients mouth and a physician who had come in said "that's yellow fever."

"Yellow fever i" the word passed from mouth to mouth in an instant and many a face in the crowd blanched. The crowd slong away in a moment and the slok man, the doctor, and the faithful wife were left alone. In a few minutes the patient was dead, the clothes that had been about him were burning in a boot it.e. the body was removed and the house sealed through the city and construction reigned an preme.

It was not the fear alone of this one case of fever that caused the fright but the dreaded quarantine. The people at Jacksonville had been shut in by the quarantine against them like rats in a trap; and so here, if the fever became epidemic, all who had not escaped promptly would be shut in with the scourge for two months.

(nic) fever vere; so g g git back thar or

"and the two lurened forward. The
old lady waited to hear no more but
catching up the youngster, who was bawling lustily, they all scrambled into the
car in great baste. The train pulled out—
the quarantine was efficient, and the town
was saved. Some 20 miles further on the
two landed in safety, as the settlement
there seemed soundly asleep.

After having practical experience with
quarantine i am satisfied that as now corcied on, it is in most cases not only useless but injurious. Of course if a community closes its doors against the world
and refuses admission to any one or any
thing, it will keep out yellow fever if this
be begine early enough. But this course
is destructive of all business and brines
many hardships. Anything short of this,
however, is not effective. Witness the
fact that I had been in contact with cases
of yellow fever within a few days, had
held the head of a physician dying of the
"black vomit," and yet because my last

held the head of a physician dying of the "black yomit," and yet because my last ticket dated from St. Louis, a place not infected, I would have been permitted to stop in most of the quarantined cities had I wished to do so. At the most it only requires a refugee to do a little false awearing and he can pass the officers unless he is down with the disease already.

To deal effectively with this scourge requires prompt action by the strong arm of the government. While the local boards are quarreling the disease gets beyond control. Had the government taken had of this disease when it appeared at Tampa, Fla, and held it there as it could have done, the country would have saved \$100,000,000 on money alone, by thus preventing the disease was carried directly to throturhout the whole sould. From tampa the disease was carried directly to Jacksonville by a man named McCornack, I believe. What the effect of the disease there has been is known to the world. From Jacksonville to Decatur, Alm, is a long step but it came, and a man named Spencer will be long remembered. named Spancer will be long remembered in this community as the cause of the

epidemic here.

Now had the government drawn a cor-Now has the government drawn a cordon around the infected portion of Tam parameters and removed the population unaffected out into isolated camps, feeding and carling for them there it becessary, but holding them in place for 14 days at least be fore allowing them to go to other parts of the State or country, there could have been no chance for the disease to pread beyond that point. Of course with this should have come a careful disinfection of the clothes and baggage of the people in quarantine camp. Had these steps been taken, even after the fever had become epidemic at Jacksonville, and carried out with firmness, the disease could not have spread beyond that point.

Such action by the general government is not in accordance with "States rights" doctrine; but the truth is that question is as dead in the South now as is slavery.

as dead in the South now as is slavery, and if the government could save this section from the scourage of yellow fever there would be no objection on the score

of "states rights."

As this communication has reached an undue length already and is now "out of quarantine" we will see the disease itself. in the next.

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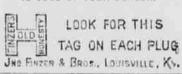
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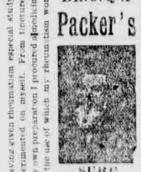
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